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Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Sir,

According to your statement of reasons for allowance on 09/12/2006, there are some elements lacked in claim 1, claim 4 and claim 9, under this condition it can not work properly, certain requirements for shortage are needed in claims, please note as below. The characteristic of multi-tube fluorescent discharge lamp are plural-numbered of glass tubes in coaxial structure, a pair of cathodes placed at both ends of the innermost glass tube, phosphor layers on both surfaces of the glass tubes, both ends of all glass tubes being sealed, via isolator and through-holes form a succession of interconnected discharge chambers. It is totally different from the Prior Art. For the above reasons I had got a China patent in 2005, the patent No. ZL021044732.

In claim 1:

a pair of cathodes placed at both ends of the innermost first glass tube, phosphor layers on inner and outer surfaces of the glass tubes starting from the inner second tube to the (N-1)th tube, on the outer surface of the innermost first glass tube and on the inner surface of the Nth

tube, both ends of all glass tubes being sealed to form a succession of interconnected discharge chambers provided in a state of vacuum and comprising mercury (Hg).

In claim 4:

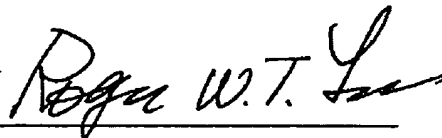
a pair of cathodes placed at both ends of the innermost first glass tube, phosphor layers on inner and outer surfaces of the glass tubes starting from the innermost first tube to the (N-1)th tube, and on the inner surface of the Nth tube, both ends of all glass tubes being sealed to form a succession of interconnected discharge chambers provided in a state of vacuum and comprising mercury (Hg).

In claim 9:

a total of N multiple number of glass tubes, each of different caliber and arranged in a coaxial structure within each other, a pair of cathodes connected to both ends of the innermost first glass tube and placed inside the inner second tube near each side of the isolator, phosphor layers on inner and outer surfaces of the glass tubes starting from the inner second tube to the (N-1)th tube, on the outer surface of the innermost first glass tube and on the inner surface of the Nth tube, both ends of all glass tubes being sealed to form a succession of interconnected discharge chambers provided in a state of vacuum and comprising mercury (Hg).

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